

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOSTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021

At 3:30pm, Chairman Hagel called the Foster County Commission meeting to order. Roll call included Commissioner Alan Scanson, Commissioner Becky Hagel, Commissioner David Utke, and Commissioner Pat Copenhaver. Also, present were Auditor Brad Solberg, Road Superintendent Nate Monson, States Attorney Kara Brinster and Foster County Independent Reporter Leasa Lura.

The meeting began with approval of the minutes. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021, regular meeting seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Scanson made a motion approve the bills, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

32873	ARROWWOOD PRAIRIE CO-OP	206.48
32874	ASTORIA HOTEL AND EVENT CENTER	169.20
32875	AVID HAWK, LLC	35.00
32876	BRISS OIL COMPANY	195.30
32877	BUTLER MACHINERY COMPANY	1,524.22
32878	C & J OIL COMPANY	3,992.66
32879	CARRINGTON DRUG INC.	21.69
32880	CASSIE NESS	140.00
32881	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	167.27
32882	CENTRAL DAKOTA SIX-COUNTY ORGANIZATION	180.00
32883	CENTRAL SQUARE TECHNOLOGIES	273.49
32884	COMPUTER EXPRESS	1,200.00
32885	COREAN SWART	100.00
32886	D & E SUPPLY	213.64
32887	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	27,607.24
32888	ENVELOPES.COM	224.95
32889	FOSTER COUNTY TREASURER	838.04
32890	GILBERTSON'S	2,002.00
32891	HEALTHCARE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC	102.60
32892	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPT.	357.45
32893	INTERGRAPH CORPORATION SGI DIVISION	1,796.40
32894	J.O.B. WELDING & REPAIR	89.00
32895	MATTHEW BENDER & CO., INC.	49.42
32896	MERLE OR EUNICE MUNSON	700.00
32897	NAPA AUTO PARTS	77.71
32898	ND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	16,843.78
32899	ND DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION	19.00
32900	NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY	100.00
32901	OFFICE DEPOT	266.99
32902	PAT COPENHAVER	138.00
32903	PHARMCHEM INC	94.35
32904	QUADIENT FINANCE	483.27
32905	QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC.	417.00
32906	RANDY'S ELECTRIC	1,126.30
32907	RICK'S WHOLESALE TIRE INC.	173.50
32908	STUTSMAN CO. CORRECTION CENTER	1,800.00
32909	SYNCB/AMAZON	297.45
32910	UNDERGROUND VAULTS & STORAGE	200.00
32911	WSI	250.00

Brinster asked to have the opioid settlement added to the agenda. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Old Business

Commissioner Copenhaver stated that he would get Estabrook Township's bill to the BOCC before and end of the year meeting

Commissioner Hagel stated that she would like to remove the underlined part of the Sick Leave Policy:

Unused sick leave benefits will be allowed to accumulate up to 240 hours. To reward employees who stay healthy, the County agrees that once the limit of 240 hours has been reached, employees will be eligible to trade any accrued sick leave above the 240 hours at a rate of 24 hours of sick leave for 8 hours of additional vacation (vacation hours cannot exceed 240 with transfer of sick hours). Because

sick leave benefits are intended to provide income protection in the event of an actual illness or injury, unused sick leave benefits cannot be used for any other paid or unpaid absence. Upon time of termination of employment or retirement, an employee will not be compensated for accrued sick leave. Hagel also asked to raise the total hours of sick leave that can be accrued to a max of 480 hours. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to remove the underlined section of the policy and add a max of 480 hours of accrued sick leave to the policy, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Brinster stated that the BOCC needed to clear up their motion from the last meeting on the opioid settlement. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to join both the Janssen and Distributor Settlements, seconded by commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

#### New Business

Nate Monson, Road Superintendent, approached the BOCC with an update from the Road Department. Monson stated since the last meeting there had been 8” of snow. Monson also mentioned that he will order 5 pallets of nuvo crack seal with the county receiving 3 and the city of Carrington receiving 2. Monson stated that he would mark on the map the locations for the NDDOT Traffic Counts.

Nikki Mertz and Laurie Dietz, JDA and CDC, approached the BOCC about Combining the JDA and the CDC. Commissioner Utke made a motion to approve the combination, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Danielle Koeplin, Clerk of Court, approached the BOCC with a Court Facility Grant. Koeplin stated in the Grant that they are asking for 2 new console tables with chairs for \$4,360, new monitors for \$1,397 for a total of \$5,757. Foster County would be responsible for 25% or \$1,439.25. Commissioner Scanson made a motion to apply for the grant, seconded by Commissioner Copenhaver. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Auditor Solberg presented two Beer/Liquor Licenses to the BOCC for Approval. They were for Cork and Barrel Liquors and Crossroads Golf Course. Commissioner Copenhaver made a motion to approve the two Beer/Liquor Licenses, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Commissioner Scanson wanted to reiterate that the Township Road Maintenance Contracted price would continue to be \$75/hour. Scanson also made a motion to have a non-Contracted Township Road Maintenance price of \$125/hour, seconded by Commissioner Utke. All voted aye and the motion passed.

The BOCC looked over the schedule for regular meetings for 2022. Commissioner Utke made a motion to have regular commission meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 3:30 pm and moving the October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting to October 6<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Commissioner Scanson. All voted aye and the motion passed.

With no further business, Commissioner Hagel adjourned the meeting at 4:49pm.

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Brad Solberg  
Foster County Auditor

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Becky Hagel, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners